



Investing In Our People

Around the District

Annual Triathlon Comes Off Without Incident

What may be the last New Life Triathlon, was held June 25 at Coralville Lake, in spite of a steady rain.

Concerns of accidents because of slippery conditions were not an issue since the only problem on the bicycle course was a flat tire.

The event drew about 180 participants, which is down from previous years. Competition from other races and various factors have resulted in New Life Fitness discontinuing future sponsorship of the race. It is not known at this time if another sponsor will come forward to continue the race.

Best of Marion County

Lake Red Rock won two "Best of Marion County" awards at a presentation held May 1.

The competition, sponsored by the Marion County Development Commission to promote tourism within the county, is voted on by members of the public.

Howell Station was voted the best campground in the county, and the Volksweg Trail was voted as the best place to entertain kids.

The commission hopes that the winners will use the awards in there promotions, and thereby, promote competition to provide quality customer care.

The Marion County Conservation Board won the "Best Place to Take A Visitor" for the new observation tower at Cordova Park, Lake Red Rock.

Devonian Fossil Gorge Improvements Move Forward

Progress is visible on the improvements at the Coralville Lake fossil gorge site.

Retaining walls were installed in early May and the rough grading was completed May 23.

A pre-construction meeting was held May 24 with the concrete contractor, and they started the concrete work June 19.

The majority of the improvements are concrete, so when that stage is finished, the site will be nearly complete, with the exception of landscaping and finishing touches.

Saylorville Contributes to Pre-Schoolers

The National 'Safety Town' program for pre-schoolers has generated several week-long camps in the cities, surrounding Saylorville Lake.

Safety Town is a program designed to make children street safe before starting school. Along with street crossings, talking to strangers, and riding safely Saylorville supports these programs by incorporating water safety.

Special programming and water safety fun books are provided to the Safety Town camps reaching nearly 1,000 kids.

Lake Red Rock Breaks Bread with Contractors, Volunteers

Lake Red Rock held its annual Contractor/Volunteer picnic at the North Overlook picnic area June 8.

Service contractors, volunteers and staff attended. After everyone was finished "filling their bellies", a "town hall" type meeting was held, in which items of mutual interest, were discussed.

Jerry Dowell reported to the group about ongoing work at the project.

Paul Ostrander discussed and answered National Recreation Reservation System questions.

During the meeting Tracy Spry briefly spoke about the volunteers work, and Gerald Dowell, operations manager, Lake Red Rock, gave the whole group a "pat on the back" for their efforts so far this season.

This is the only time of the year when these team players are together, and it was a great opportunity for them to visit and discuss work issues.

Lake Red Rock personnel are planning to have another picnic in early August.

Congrats ...



Congratulations to **Maribel Salas**, Operations Division, on the birth of a new son May 6, 2000. His name is Omar Emmanuel DeHaro. He weighed 9 pounds and 7 ounces

and was 21 inches long.

Notes from the Mississippi

Lock and Dam 11, Dubuque, Iowa

- ✓ Concrete removed from lock wall and repoured for safer walking.
- ✓ Wind socks installed.
- ✓ Dam lighting repaired and replaced.

Lock and Dam 12, Bellevue, Iowa

- ✓ Solar chargers installed on life boats and pontoon.
- ✓ Leonard Earnst gave a presentation to Garnaville High School.

Lock and Dam 13, Clinton, Iowa

- ✓ Lower miter gate safety bar was completed.
- ✓ Corps Maintenance Crew raised sunken pontoon work barge.

Locks and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa

- ✓ Lock and Dam 14 Auxiliary opened for season on May 26.
- ✓ Wind socks installed on upper and lower bullnoses.

Locks and Dam 15, Rock Island, Ill.

- ✓ Gate number two and four machinery oil changed and housings inspected.
- ✓ New ring buoy box was installed.

Lock and Dam 16, Muscatine, Iowa

- ✓ Bridge crane semiannual servicing was completed.
- ✓ New rubber seal installed on number one tainter valve inspection lid.
- ✓ Life boat drills were conducted.

Lock and Dam 17, New Boston, Ill.

- ✓ Information display sign "re-hab" was completed.
- ✓ Bridge crane was serviced for the year.

Lock and Dam 18, Burlington, Iowa

- ✓ All four miter gate gear pump pressure gages were repaired.
- ✓ Radio shop installed video cameras.
- ✓ Safety blocks replaced on dam.

Lock and Dam 19, Keokuk, Iowa

- ✓ Service gate sheave covers were sealed.
- ✓ One service gate guide roller was repaired.
- ✓ Two new service gate guide rollers were installed.

Lock and Dam 20, Canton, Mo.

- ✓ Water hydrant installed in lower yard.
- ✓ Bridge crane bulkhead carrier control panel was completely rebuilt.
- ✓ Bridge crane annual service was completed.

Lock and Dam 21, Quincy, Ill.

- ✓ Weather instrument pole on lock wall was moved.
- ✓ Number two gate safety claven was repaired.

Lock and Dam 22, Saverton, Mo.

- ✓ Lower miter gate timbers were replaced.
- ✓ Lower tow haulage unit control board was replaced.

Sympathy ...



David R. Wehrley, 42, Davenport, passed away June 2, 2000, in Davenport.

Wehrley earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineer-

ing from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in December 1980 and a master of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1989. He was a registered professional engineer in the state of Iowa since 1987.

Wehrley was a project engineer for his 19-year career with the Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he was selected Engineer of the Year in 1997. He was promoted to supervisor, Civil Engineering Branch, Engineering Division in October 1998.

He was a member of Toastmasters International, Promise Keepers International, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Society of American Military Engineers.



Talmadge M. "Dude" Little, 75, Karnak, formerly of Davenport, died May 8, 2000, in Karnak, Ill., after an extended illness.

Little was employed as a heavy-equipment operator at the Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He retired in 1982 after 30 years of service.

He was born Dec. 15, 1924, in Karnak, Ill. He married Pansy Bateman in Princeton. She died in 1998. He also served in the Army.



Ron "Fuzzy" Laster, 72, Davenport, Iowa, passed away June 17, 2000, at Genesis Medical Center-East Campus, Davenport, Iowa.

Laster retired in 1998 after 12 years as an accountant with the Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He had also owned and operated the former Meirers Dry Cleaning and worked, for 39 years at the Rock Island Railroad.

During World War II, he served in the Merchant Marines. He also served in the Army during the Korean War.
